GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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RULES FOR PRIVATE F.M. CHANNELS
RAGHUVIR SINGH KAUSHAL

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether F.M. channel has been opened on Doordarshan for the private operators to enable them to telecast their programmes; and

(b) if so, the terms and conditions thereof and the benefits to be accrued to the Government therefrom and the procedure laid down for putting a control on them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal for opening any F.M. Channel by private operators on Doordarshan/All India Radio. Prasar Bharati has permitted the private FM operators to share (after meeting its own requirements) its infrastructural facilities, subject to technical feasibility and on payment of licence fee. Leasing of Prasar Bharati`s infrastructure will lead to optimalutilization of its assets, additional revenue generation and speedy operationalisation of private FM Channels.